

MAY 2009

MARINA READER

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

FROM THE MANAGER



Mark Sandoval,
Manager of Marinas and Beaches

Hard to believe that summer is just around the corner, and that the busy boating season is nearly upon us.

In other parts of the country we would be discussing the ice disappearing in the Bay and readying our vessels for the upcoming boating season. Luckily, this is not the case in Southern California, but it does bring to mind that in other parts of the country, that is exactly what is happening. Along with the official start of the boating season comes the official openings of the yacht clubs. In Long Beach, we are very fortunate to have six functioning yacht clubs in our marinas. I have always been an advocate for yacht clubs, as I view yacht clubs as a welcomed partner in any successful large marina operation.

If you are not aware, we have the Shoreline Yacht Club in the Shoreline Marina, and in Alamitos Bay, we have the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, the Long Beach Yacht Club, the Seal Beach Yacht Club, the Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach and the Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club. If you are not already a member of one (or more) of these yacht clubs, I highly recommend that you consider joining one. The

social, educational, competitive and youth opportunities afforded by these clubs can do nothing but make your boating experience more enjoyable. Call a marina office if you need yacht club contact information.

A brief note on the rebuild of the Alamitos Bay Marina, as we have identified another unknown issue. As part of the permitting, we test the silt under the marina that is to be dredged. We noted an elevated level of mercury in Basin I, so we performed additional testing. Apparently, there is a high level of mercury throughout the silt under Basin I, but we did not find that same condition anywhere else in the marina. We have discussed potential sources with our engineering consultant and the Army Corps of Engineers, but cannot begin to guess why this is present in Basin I and nowhere else in the marina. The problem with this condition is that disposal of dredged silt with mercury cannot be done in the ocean, and therefore will need to be taken to an upland landfill and dumped, which increases costs as well as the complexity of the dredging. We will continue to work with our consultants to minimize the construction impact and cost of this condition, but it is another hurdle to clear as we plan the rebuild.

As always, happy and healthy boating

Mark A. Sandoval

GAY PRIDE WEEKEND

The **26th Annual Lesbian & Gay Pride Celebration** returns to Long Beach on May 16th & 17th. The event hours are 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. both days. The Marina Green, Rainbow Lagoon and Shoreline Drive will be used for vendor booths, entertainment, and great food. The parade takes place on Sunday beginning at 10:30 a.m. The parade travels on Ocean Blvd. from Temple Ave. to Alamitos Ave. If you would like additional festival information, you may call (562) 987-9191 or visit www.longbeachpride.com.

Driving Directions

Beginning **Monday, May 11th**, Linden Avenue will be **closed**. To enter the Long Beach Shoreline Marina, you will need to use Shoreline Village Drive.

Beginning **Thursday, May 14th**, Shoreline Drive will be **closed**. The **ONLY** entrance to the Long Beach Shoreline Marina will be from Pine Ave, eastbound Shoreline Drive to Shoreline Village Drive.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEATHER CLASS

The Alamitos Sail & Power Squadron will present a 10-week **Weather Class** at Huntington Harbor Yacht Club, 3821 Warner Ave. on Thursday, beginning May 14, 2009 at 7 pm. Weather Class is a general weather course benefiting those sitting in their living rooms, as much as those standing behind the helm. There will be at \$55.00 charge for this course and USPS membership is required. For additional information and to register for this class call Fred at (909) 229-2220 or fredbowe@sbcglobal.net

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Saturday, May 30th from 8 to 11 am, the Alamitos Sail & Power Squadron is hosting a **Pancake Breakfast** to raise charitable donations for the Boating Safety and Life Jacket Loaner Program.

Free Vessel Checks will be offered, too, so bring your boat to this Marina. For \$4 per person you can enjoy pancakes, juice, milk and all the fixings to be served at the Sunset Aquatic marina & Ramp, 2901 Edinger Ave, HB. For information contact Fred at (909) 229-2220 or fredbowe@sbcglobal.net

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TIDE CHART FOR MAY 2009

		LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
		AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1.	Fr	10:11	-0.3	10:23	2.5	2:29	4.9	6:09	3.9
2.	Sa	11:12	-0.1	11:49	1.9	4:01	4.5	6:09	4.4
3.	Su	--	--	12:04	0.1	5:26	4.3	6:45	4.9
4.	Mo	12:52	1.2	12:47	0.4	6:37	4.3	7:18	5.3
5.	Tu	1:43	0.5	1:25	0.7	7:38	4.2	7:49	5.6
6.	We	2:28	-0.1	1:58	1.0	8:31	4.1	8:18	5.9
7.	Th	3:09	-0.5	2:30	1.3	9:19	4.0	8:47	6.0
8.	Fr	3:47	-0.7	2:59	1.7	10:04	3.8	9:15	6.0
9.	Sa	4:24	-0.8	3:27	1.9	10:48	3.6	9:44	5.9
10.	Su	5:01	-0.7	3:56	2.2	11:33	3.5	10:14	5.7
11.	Mo	5:40	-0.6	4:24	2.4	10:20	3.3	10:46	5.5
12.	Tu	6:23	-0.3	4:55	2.6	1:15	3.2	11:21	5.2
13.	We	7:09	0.0	5:32	2.8	--	--	2:22	3.1
14.	Th	8:01	0.2	6:33	3.0	12:00	4.8	3:40	3.2
15.	Fr	8:57	0.5	8:25	3.1	12:49	4.4	4:43	3.4
16.	Sa	9:51	0.6	10:25	2.9	1:56	4.0	5:22	3.7
17.	Su	10:41	0.8	11:43	2.3	3:25	3.7	5:49	4.0
18.	Mo	11:23	0.9	--	--	4:54	3.5	6:13	4.4
19.	Tu	12:36	-1.7	12:01	1.1	6:08	3.5	6:39	4.9
20.	We	1:19	0.9	12:37	1.3	7:11	3.6	7:06	5.4
21.	Th	2:00	0.2	1:13	1.5	8:06	3.6	7:37	5.9
22.	Fr	2:41	-0.5	1:50	1.6	8:58	3.7	8:11	6.3
23.	Sa	3:23	-1.1	2:29	1.8	9:48	3.8	8:49	6.7
24.	Su	4:07	-1.4	3:10	1.9	10:39	3.8	9:31	6.8
25.	Mo	4:54	-1.6	3:55	2.1	11:31	3.7	10:16	6.8
26.	Tu	5:44	-1.6	4:46	2.2	12:27	3.7	11:05	6.5
27.	We	6:36	-1.4	5:46	2.4	1:26	3.7	11:59	6.1
28.	Th	7:30	-1.0	7:01	2.5	--	--	2:29	3.9
29.	Fr	8:27	-0.6	8:33	2.5	1:01	5.4	3:30	4.1
30.	Sa	9:23	-0.1	10:11	2.1	2:13	4.7	4:27	4.5
31.	Su	10:18	0.4	11:36	1.5	3:37	4.1	5:16	4.9

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PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP ON HAND

Long Beach Police
Marine Patrol Emergency
911
or 9911 (Dock Phone)

Non Emergency
562.435.6711

Maintenance during
working hours
562.570.1582

Alamitos Bay Office
562.570.3215

Shoreline Office
562.570.4950

Rainbow Harbor
562.570.8636

After office hours
562.570.3101

LBDP - MARINE PATROL

One night recently at a Shoreline Village restaurant, a man had just finished visiting friends and walked to his car in the nearby parking lot. While opening the car, a subject walked up from behind, pulled out a pocketknife and stabbed the man in the neck! The suspect then walked away towards the Shoreline Marina as the victim stumbled back into the restaurant and collapsed, unconscious, on the floor.

A couple of witnesses to the stabbing followed the suspect at a safe distance until they saw a Marine Patrol unit proactively patrolling in the area of 300 E. Shoreline Dr. The witnesses contacted Officer Silva and quickly explained the incident and pointed out the suspect. Just

as Officer Silva confronted the suspect and began ordering him to the ground at gunpoint, the first sketchy details were being broadcast over his police radio from the numerous Emergency- 911 phone calls. Many South Division and Marine Patrol units responded to the area to assist and the suspect was taken into custody; the bloody weapon still in his possession! Officer Silva drew upon his experience and the on-going training all Marine Patrol officers receive at the Police Academy to safely resolve the tense situation and remove the vicious attacker off the streets. The victim underwent surgery that night and is expected to make a full recovery, and his assailant was charged with attempted murder. Great job Officer Silva!!

***Don't approach criminal activity yourself;
be a good witness and contact the Long Beach Police
Communications Center at (562) 435-6711.***

CHANNEL CRUISING CLUB

Channel Cruising Club now accepting prospective member applications

Above Little Fisherman's beach in Two Harbors, Catalina is an SCYA Yacht Club that was founded in 1958. This family oriented club offers a land based, acre and a half facility, with one of the best views in all of Catalina. Membership is limited to forty families and there are currently a few

openings for prospective members. To arrange a private tour of our facility to see for yourself the many advantages of joining our fine family of boaters, please contact Vice Commodore, Bryan Orfila at 310.323.6091.

ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

THINK PURPLE . . . RECYCLE

The City of Long Beach and Waste Management announce a new marina Recycling program. This new program allows marina users to keep up their good green habits and encourages recycling, reduces waste and protects the marine environment.

Please bring your recycling materials to the purple containers available at all trash enclosures.



NEW BILGE PAD EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN LONG BEACH

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration foundation, California Department of Boating and Waterways, and California Coastal Commission partnered with the City of Long Beach to initiate two new bilge pad exchange locations at Alamitos Bay Marina fuel dock and, in a few months, Shoreline Marina fuel dock, which is currently under construction. Boaters in Long Beach Harbor can now pick up a free oil absorbent pad and drop off used pads at their local fuel docks. Ask the fuel dock staff to direct you to the vending racks (they look like newspaper stands!) so you can pick up your free bilge pad or exchange a used one.